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HOFFMAN, possibly Eduard, Dr., journalist in East and West Berlin. Most probably identical with Dr. Jur. Emil HOFFMANN, Aussenhandelsberater und Wirtschaftspublizist, 1 Berlin 37 (Zehlendorf), Forststrasse 14, Telephone 842450. Has contacts with higher echelons of the Hungarian and Czechoslovak Trade Missions in the Federal Republic of Germany.

In September 1962, fmr MUELLER, employee of the IHL Verlag in Coburg, FRG, came to [] office and wanted to talk to Jaroslav PISARIK (ARTIA section chief and—according to []—a Czechoslovak intelligence coopt) who was out. MUELLER waited for over an hour and then grew nervous. Finally he left, leaving a message with [] that HOFFMAN was in Czechoslovakia at the Brno Fair. When [] gave this message to PISARIK, the latter got all worked up and kept repeating that there must have been a mix up, because the meeting with the Czechoslovak Minister of Interior has not been arranged as of yet for HOFFMAN. After a half hour of panicking PISARIK reached MUELLER by the telephone. It turned out that [] had misunderstood MUELLER. HOFFMAN was not in the country yet but was scheduled to arrive in several days. [] believes that [] PISARIK was arranging for a meeting between HOFFMAN and the Czechoslovak Minister of Interior as a form of recognition of HOFFMAN's fruitful cooperation. On the basis of CALLIKAK information, HOFFMAN was in contact with the Hungarian and Czechoslovak trade missions in the FRG and was considered by FROB as an operational lead in 1961-62.

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